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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Dickerson et al.

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
MAINTAINING SECURE SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE AREAS

Examiner: L. Chai

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

**MAIL STOP AFTER FINAL**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2005 finally rejecting claims 1-24, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.
- **Remarks** begin on page 6.

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